GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF CELLULAR
NAGMANI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great danger to the national security due to misuse of Cellular and their basic networks by the anti-national and anti-social elements; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps being taken in this context?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Sir, enough safeguards for national security and intelligence problems have been provided in the Licences for operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and Basic Telecom Service. The Licences for operation of Cellular Mobile telephone and Basic telephone Service are governed by the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. Section 5 of the Act makes it obligatory for the Licensees to provide necessary facilities for interception of messages passing through their network.